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SUBJECT: SOVIETS PROTEST ANTI-WALL DEMONSTRATIONS AND RALLIES IN
WEST BERLIN

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER PROTESTED TO
US MISSION THAT GERMAN RALLIES ON AUG. 13 IN WEST BERLIN
WERE PROVOCATIVE AND DIRECTED AGAINST USSR, GDR AND
"SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." ALLIES WERE URGED TO STOP
RALLIES, SINCE THEY VIOLATED QA. US POLAD REJECTED
ARGUMENT THAT EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OFFREEDOM OF SPEECH
AND ASSEMBLY COULD VIOLATE QA. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 12 SOVIET EMBASSY ACTING POLITICAL
COUNSELOR TYUTYUNOV CALLED ON US(CHAIRMAN) POLAD AND
READ FOLLOWING" ORAL STATEMENT", WHICH HE LEFT BEHIND
AS A "NON-APPER".

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BEGIN TEXT:

ORAL DECLARATION OF THE USSR EMBASSY IN THE GDR
TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS
IN WEST BERLIN, DATED AUGUST 12, 1976.

IT HAS BECOME KNOWN THAT THE AUTHORITIES OF THE FRG
AND WEST BERLIN INTEND TO ORGANIZE IN THAT CITY BETWEEN
AUGUST 13 AND 15 OF THIS YEAR MEASURES DIRECTED TOWARD
AROUSING HATRED TOWARD THE USSR, THE GDR, AND OTHER
COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.

IN WEST BERLIN IT IS PLANNED TO CONDUCT A SERIES OF
PROVOCATIVE MASS MEETINGS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF OFFICIAL
WEST GERMAN AND WEST BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES. IN PARTICULAR
AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING MEETING
NEAR THE BUILDING OF THE FORMER REICHSTAG. THE FRG
REVANCHIST ORGANIZATION -- THE " UNION FOR FREE GERMANY"--
IS NOW CONDUCTING A MEETING IN THE KONGRESSHALLE. TORCH
LIGHT PROCESSIONS TO THE BORDER OF THE GDR AND OTHER
ACTIVITIES ARE BEING PLANNED. A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE
ARE COMING TO WEST BERLIN FROM ALL LANDS OF THE FRG TO
PARTICIPATE IN THESE ASSEMBLIES (THE SO-CALLED " STAR
JOURNEY"). WEST GERMAN REVANCHIST AND NEO-NAZI ORGANIZA-
TIONS ARE PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY IN THE PREPARATION OF AND
CARRYING OUT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DEMONSTRATIONS. THE
PROVOCATIVE CHARACTER OF THE SLOGANS OF THESE MEETINGS
AND DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH ARE ALSO HOSTILE TO THE CAUSE
OF PEACE AND DETENTE LEAVES NO DOUBT ABOUT THE REAL
GOALS AND INTENTIONS OF THE INITIATORS OF THIS DIRECTED
PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO WHICH SOME SOBER-MINDED POLITICIANS
OF THE FRG AND EVEN WEST BERLIN ARE NOW POINTING.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE THE SOVIET EMBASSY CALLS
THE ATTENTION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS
TO THE CLEARLY PROVOCATIVE CHARACTER OF THE ASSEMBLIES
PLANNED IN THIS CITY WHICH CAN ONLY LEAD TO COMPLICATING
THE SITUATION IN WEST BERLIN AND THE AREA AROUND IT. THE
UNDESIRABILITY OF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT OF AFFAIRS IN THIS
AREA CAN ONLY BE SHARED BY THE THREE WESTERN POWERS IN
OUR OPINION.

THE SOVIET SIDE EXPECTS THAT THE AUTHORITIES OF
THE THREE WESTERN POWERS WILL UNDERTAKE IN CONNECTION WITH
THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT THE NECESSARY
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MEASURES TO PREVENT THE PLANNED PROVOCATIVE EVENTS IN
THE CITY. THIS WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES-
PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT.
END TEXT.

3. IN REPLY , POLAD MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:(A) WITHOUT
GOING INTO DETAILS OR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, HE REJECTED
SOVIET DEFINITIONS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF PROJECTED

AUGUST 13 ACTIVITIES AS NEO-NAZI OR PROVOCATIVE; (B) IN WESTERN SECTORS THERE HAD ALWAYS EXISTED AND THERE CONTINUED TO EXIST RIGHTS OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES;(C) IT WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION THAT THE EXERCISE WITHIN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY OF THE RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH AND FREE ASSEMBLY COULD IN ANY RESPECT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE QA. HE REJECTED ANY IMPLICATION OF SUCH VIOLATION.

4. POLAD SAID THAT HE THOUGHT FOREGOING WAS ENOUGH BY WAY OF OFFICIAL COMMENT. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HOWEVER, HE WOULD ADD A COUPLE OF OTHER OBSERVATIONS. FIRST, IT WAS NO SECRET TO THE SOVS THAT THE ALLIES ALLOWED PEACEFUL MEETINGS IN WEST BERLIN EVEN WHEN THERE WERE BY ELEMENTS UNFRIENDLY TO THE ALLIES, E.G., BY VARIOUS COMMUNIST GROUPS. SECOND, IT WAS ALSO NO SECRET TO SOVS THAT MEETINGS OFFENSIVE TO WESTERN ALLIES TOOK PLACE IN EASTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN. FOR INSTANCE, WE READ THAT RALLY WAS PLANNED IN EAST BERLIN FOR AUG. 13 OF DDR KAMPFGRUPPEN(PEOPLE'S MILITIA). POLAD HOPED THAT THESE CELEBRANTS WOULD NOT BE CARRYING ARMS, AS SUCH WOULD VIOLATE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN.

5. TO THIS TYUTYUNOV RESPONDED " PERSONALLY" BY OBSERVING THAT EMBASSY'S MOTIVE WAS TO AVOID RAISING TENSION IN AREA. HE ALSO SAID THAT GDR AS SOVEREIGN STATE COULD HAVE AND YET KIND OF DEMONSTRATION IT WISHED IN ITS CAPITAL. POLAD NOTED THAT SOVS WERE AWARE OF OUR VIEWS ON LATTER SUBJECT. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE TOOK COGNIZANCE OF THE SOV" ORAL STATEMENT", AND WOULD RESERVE RIGHT TO RESPOND MORE FULLY IF WE DEEMED IT ADVISABLE.

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